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MR. WEBER: I really can't tell just by looking who is in favor of the Yucca Mountain dump for nuclear waste or not, and I asked beforehand. Apparently nobody from the public or very few comments in favor of it, but I assume that there is somebody here that is conducting it who is in favor of the dump; am I correct?

MR. LAWSON: In general, the people who are here, I'm a neutral facilitator, but the other folks who are here from DOE have conducted the study that is being done. I don't think that they are on the record as personally being for it or against it so much as they are for having done the study.

MR. WEBER: Okay. Then I'm probably addressing some of my comments to people who aren't here, but I hope you will bear with me.

MR. LAWSON: That is okay.

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MR. WEBER: I got one question for the people who favor the nuke dump, and that is what if you're wrong? We're talking about putting stuff in there in this dump that is dangerous for something like 10,000 years, as I understand it. And this is longer than recorded history. Recorded human history doesn't go back, and then we're being assured -- or let me just speak for myself. I'm supposed to believe that someone can assure me that this stuff is going to be safe in some containers for 10,000 years, that there aren't going to be earthquakes or other disasters. I don't feel convinced. No one has really convinced me.

Again my question to the people who favor this, what if you're wrong? What if you're wrong? I have asked that a few times in the past. Nobody has responded. I would sure like a response to that one, please.

Who gets the money? There's big money here. Who gets the money?

I don't know. I haven't been following that this closely, but you know in a lot of cases, the government follows the money. I'd like to know, who gets the money? Is there anyone here who can answer that one?

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Okay. We're addicted to electricity. Let me say that again. We're addicted to electricity. And if there's anybody here who would like to debate that, all I ask is, are you willing to have your power turned off tomorrow morning? We're addicted to it.

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And our electricity is being fed by fossil fuels and nuclear fission. There is other alternatives. There's money that has to be invested to take these other alternatives, wind, solar, and these are viable alternatives. They could be developed. I read once that Nevada could provide solar power for the rest of the country if this stuff was put in place.

But we're addicted to electricity. And we are forced to feed our addiction with fossil fuels and with nuclear fission. I resent that.

Don't take this personally. And then again, I'd like to ask, I'd like to ask anybody here who favors it, what if you're wrong? Can anybody answer that? What if you're wrong.

If you like that question, keep asking us. Just look people straight in the eye and ask them, what if you're wrong? Thanks.

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